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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4887

INFO AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF SWAZILAND OPPOSITION LEADER

AMBROSE ZWANE

REF: MBABANE 0844

1. CHARGE CALLED ON DPM ZONKE KHUMALO MAY 3 TO ASCERTAIN
ACCURACY SA PRESS REPORT (RAND DAILY MAIL, RDM)
APRIL 3 THAT DR. AMBROSE ZWANE HAD BEEN ARRESTED.
ZWANE IS " PRESIDENT FOR LIFE" NGWANE NATIONAL
LIBERATORY CONGRESS.

2. KHUMALO CONFIRMED ZWANE ARRESTED MAY 2. HE SAID
ZWANE HAD ATTENDED POLITICAL MEETING AND THEREBY
CONTRAVENED DECREE 12 OF APRIL 12. KHUMALO STATED MEETING
WAS SEPARATE FROM THAT REPORTED REFTEL AND THAT ACTION
TAKEN AGAINST ZWANE WAS INITIATED ON REPORTS OF SECOND
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MEETING. ZWANE WHEN TELEPHONED AND QUERIED BY COMMISSIONER POLICE FREELY ADMITTED HIS PRESENCE AT MEETING. KHUMALO STATED ZWANE DELIGHTED TO BE ARRESTED AND HAD PROFESSED IT HIS DUTY TO SUFFER FOR HIS PEOPLE. KHUMALO VOLUNTEERED THAT THERE NO RPT NO CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST ZWANE, THAT HE ARRESTED ONLY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING DISSEMINATING PROPAGANDA, AND THAT HE WOULD BE DETAINED FOR SIXTY DAYS. IF ZWANE DID IT AGAIN, KHUMALO SAID, HE WOULD BE PUT BACK IN FOR ANOTHER SIXTY DAYS. BY THAT TIME, SAID DPM, CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION SHOULD BE WELL ALONG IN ITS WORK AND SITUATION WOULD BE EVEN MORE STABLE THAN AT PRESENT.

3. ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE ISSUED OFFICIAL STATEMENT MAY 3 TO EFFECT SAMUEL MYENI, KAKHALAZI MOTA MOTHA AND BENJAMIN MBULI WERE UNDER SIXTY- DAY CLAUSE ON APRIL 26. STATEMENT CONTINUED THAT THOMAS BHEKINDLELA NGWENYA DETAINED APRIL 30 AND DR. ZWANE DETAINED MAY 2. TWO OTHER NNLC MEMBERS, MAU- MAU MATHONSI AND JEREMIAH GROENING, CONVICTED SWAZI NATIONAL COURT APRIL 24 FOR HOLDING MEETINGS BEFORE APRIL 12 ON SWAZI NATIONAL LAND WITHOUT CHIEF' S PERMISSION. SPICER

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